

MUNICIPAL CHARTERS

BE FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK NOT LATER THAN TEN (10) DAYS PRIOR TO ANY ELECTION. UPON RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION THE CITY CLERK SHALL MAIL TO THE VOTER ENTITLED THERETO AN ABSENTEE BALLOT. IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS, ABSENTEE VOTING AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE SIMILAR TO AND CONTROLLED BY THE APPLICABLE PROCEDURES PROVIDED BY LAW FOR ABSENTEE VOTING.

(II) EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT. WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS OF AN ELECTION AND ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION PRIOR TO THE TIME THE POLLS CLOSE, ANY PERSON REGISTERED AND OTHERWISE QUALIFIED TO VOTE MAY APPLY FOR AN EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT IF HE IS NOTIFIED AFTER THE TIME FOR MAKING APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT THAT, AS A CONDITION OF HIS EMPLOYMENT, HE IS REQUIRED TO BE ABSENT FROM THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK WHERE HE IS REGISTERED TO VOTE ON THE DAY OF AN ELECTION, IF HE IS UNABLE TO BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT THE POLLS AS A RESULT OF ILLNESS OR ACCIDENT OCCURRING AFTER THE TIME OF MAKING APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT OR IS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT BECAUSE OF A DEATH OR SERIOUS ILLNESS IN HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY OCCURRING AFTER THE TIME FOR MAKING APPLICATION. THE APPLICATION SHALL BE MADE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY BUT WITHOUT FORMAL OATH, SETTING FORTH THE REASON WHY THE VOTER IS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT AT THE POLLS ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION. UPON RECEIPT OF THE APPLICATION, THE CITY CLERK, IF SATISFIED THAT THE PERSON CANNOT, IN FACT, BE PRESENT AT THE POLLING PLACE ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION, SHALL ISSUE TO THE APPLICANT, OR HIS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT, AN ABSENTEE BALLOT WHICH SHALL BE MARKED BY THE VOTER, PLACED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE, AND RETURNED TO THE CITY CLERK. IF THE APPLICANT DOES NOT APPLY IN PERSON, THE APPLICATION SHALL DESIGNATE A REGISTERED VOTER IN THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK AS AGENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIVERING THE ABSENTEE BALLOT TO THE VOTER, AND THE AGENT SHALL EXECUTE AN AFFIDAVIT UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE BALLOT WAS DELIVERED TO THE VOTER WHO SUBMITTED THE APPLICATION, WAS MARKED BY THE VOTER IN THE AGENT'S PRESENCE, AND RETURNED, UNDER SEAL, TO THE CITY CLERK BY THE AGENT. ANY EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT RECEIVED BY THE CITY CLERK AFTER THE TIME FOR CLOSING OF THE POLLS SHALL NOT BE COUNTED.

(III) ASSISTANCE IN MARKING BALLOT, ETC. ANY OTHERWISE QUALIFIED VOTER WHO IS BLIND, PHYSICALLY DISABLED OR WHO HAS IMPAIRED VISION AND IS FOR ONE OF THESE REASONS UNABLE TO MARK HIS ABSENTEE BALLOT AND SIGN THE REQUIRED OATH, MAY BE ASSISTED IN VOTING BY ANY PERSON SELECTED BY THE VOTER. ANY PERSON RENDERING ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION SHALL EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATION SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (8) OF THIS SECTION.

(3) ELECTIONS IN WHICH ABSENTEE VOTER MAY VOTE: